review of the current export drive should be taken up as and when stocks come down to 35 million tonnes.

With regard to the PDS, the Committee has endorsed an immediate shift to a unified PDS, which in its view, would bring back many of the poor and moderately poor who have been excluded from the BPL category. The unified system should be accompanied by a uniform CIP for all consumers at Rs. 4.50 per kg of wheat and Rs. 6 per kg of rice to be accompanied by a transfer of 35 paisa per kg of grain offtake as cash incentive to State Governments, conditional on lifting and accounting. This should be till stocks reduce sufficiently, after which the CIP should be increased towards acquisition cost.

The Committee has further recommended that the allocation under present Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna scheme should be doubled and the expansion of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana be initiated.

Quantitative Restrictions on Foodgrains

3614. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering imposition of Quantitative Restrictions on foodgrains exports or alternatively increasing the ex-granary price export policy;

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take;

(c) the reasons for putting Quantitative Restrictions on the export of foodgrains; and

(d) whether such a restriction would contribute towards overflowing FCI godowns and food stocks adversely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.